MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI : ഇപ്പോൾ ജനറൽ ആശുപത്രിയിൽ പ്രതിമാസം എത്ര രോഗികളെവീതം കിടത്തി ചികിത്സിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു പറയാമോ ?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSLA DR. (MRS) M. POONEN LUKOSE : About 700, Sir.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI : ഈ രോഗികളുടെ ഉപയോഗത്തിലേക്കു ആകെ എത്ര കിടക്കകൾ ഉണ്ടെന്നു പറയാമോ ?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSLA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE : About 550.

Government Ayurveda College.

287. ***MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether the question of taking over the Government Ayurveda College under the control of the Travancore University has been considered ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI : No.

Supply of drinking water.

288. ***MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have considered the desirability of supplying good drinking water from Alwaye river to the inhabitants of Moothakunnam in Parur taluk ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI : The question has not been considered as the cost of the scheme will be prohibitive.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : May I know what the cost of the scheme will be ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI : Sir, it has not been taken into consideration at all and, so, no estimate has been prepared.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : May I know the basis for the opinion that the cost of the scheme will be prohibitive ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI : Sir, Moothakunnam is several miles away from the nearest point of the Alwaye river wherefrom water could be diverted to that place, and a large number of miles of pipe lines will be required. Obviously in the present conditions of the West, it will be extremely expensive. Along with that, there is also the question of the filtering plant which would be prohibitive in cost.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : May I know what is meant by saying that several miles of pipe lines will be required ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI : Moothakunnam is on the mouth of the Alwaye river, and the water at that particular point is extremely brackish. So, about 6 or 7 miles up the river, water has to be diverted from, and that length of pipe line will be required.

Surgical operations in Government Hospitals.

289. ***MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is a decrease in the year 1114 in the percentage of patients cured on whom surgical operations were conducted in Government Hospitals from that of the year 1113 ; and

(*b*) if so, what are the reasons for the same

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VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Increase in the number of cured cases cannot always be expected. The decrease, which, after all, is not large for the whole State, is due to various causes.

MR. MURUKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: With reference to the answer to part (*b*) of the question, may I know at least the main reason for such a fall in the percentage of patients cured

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: Sir, one has to be in a position to appreciate the kind of cases that are operated upon to be able to say whether such cases could be cured or not. Some cases may come into Hospital at the very last stage. Some cases may be such as could not be cured, but for which only relief could be given. There are very many cases in regard to which only medical man can understand the reasons why such diseases could not be cured.

Grant-in-aid to Visha Vaidyam in the Kunnatnad taluk.

290. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Ayurveda Department is giving grant-in-aid to any one for *Visha Vaidyam* in the Kunnatnad taluk ; and

(*b*) if so, whether they will be pleased to lay on the table a statement giving details on the following points :

(1) the persons to whom grant-in-aid is allowed ;

(2) in what all pakuthies ; and

(3) the amount of grant given to each of them ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI : (*a*) No.

(*b*) (1), (2) and (3) In view of the answer to part (*a*), these questions do not arise.

Recognised Ayurvedic Dispensaries in the Neyyattinkara taluk.

291. * MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of recognised Ayurvedic Dispensaries in the Neyyattinkara taluk with the dates of their recognition ; and

(*b*) whether they will be pleased to lay on the table the names of the *Vaidyans*?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI : (*a*) and (*b*) A statement showing the number of recognised Ayurvedic Dispensaries in the Neyyattinkara taluk with the names of the *Vaidyans* thereof and the dates of their recognition is laid on the table.

Statement, by caste, of the nurse volunteers and the warder volunteers in the Medical Department.

292 *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the nurse volunteers and the warder volunteers in the Medical Department ?

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